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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 2023

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ECIN,EMIX, XX, GY
SUBJECT: MORE ON IBA CONFERENCE

REF: GEORGETOWN 2008

1. DELEGATE OF A WESTERN HEMISPHERE MEMBER NATIONOF IBA RESIDENT GEORGETOWN WHO ATTENDED ALL SESSIONS OF RECENT CONFERENCE MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS TO CHARGE ON NOV 14:

2. AUSTRALIA & JAMAICA PLAYED THE LEADING ROLES AT THE CONFERENCE. AUSTRALIA WAS BETTER INFORMED ON MARKETING MATTERS WHILE JAMAICA WAS BETTER INFORMED ON TECHNICAL PRODUCTION MATTERS.

3. IBA "COUNCIL" WILL MEET IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY TO ADOPT PRICING FORMULA. SITE NOT FIRMLY DETERMINED BUT WILL PROBABLY BE KINGSTON. IF SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT WELL RESEARCHED AND WELL PROVEN, FORMULA MAY BE ADOPTED IN JAN/FEB OR AT LEAST PRIOR TO NEXT NOVEMBER'S REGULAR KINGSTON MEETING OF IBA.

4. NO NATION WILL BE ADMITTED TO FUTURE IBA MEETINGS AS AN "OBSERVER". OBSERVERS REPRESENTING NON-NATIONAL ENTITIES (SUCH AS OPEC), HOWEVER, MAY BE ADMITTED UPON DECISION OF IBA COUNCIL OR POSSIBLY PRELIMNARY DECISION OF SECRETARIAT. THOUGH MEMBERSHIP

REQUIREMENT COULD TECHNICALLY ALLOW FOR ADMISSION OF ANY SIGNIFI-CANT BAUXITE PRODUCER (POSSIBLY EVEN U.S. AND CERTAINLY FRANCE) POLITICAL REALITIES WOULD CLEARLY PROHIBIT MEMBERSHIP OF U.S. AND POSSIBLY MEMBERSHIP OF COUNTRY LIKE FRANCE.

5. SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT TRINIDAD & TOBAGO WAS INVITED TO ATTEND AS OBSERVER THROUGH MISTAKEN ROUTING OF INVITATION, SINCE CONFIDENTIAL

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CLEARLY NOT QUALIFIED FOR MEMBERSHIP AND DOES NOT HAVE BAUXITE PRODUCTION AND ATTRIBUTES OF OTHER OBSERVERS AT THIS YEAR'S MEETING. INVITATION PROCEDURE WAS HAP-HAZARD AND AD HOC, WITH AUSTRALIA MORE OR LESS UNILATERALLY INVITING INDONESIA & MALAYSIA, JAMAICA INVITING DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HAITI, ETC.

6. NO NATION AT THE CONFERENCE ADOPTED A CLEARLY RADICAL STAND,

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THOUGH THE PRINCIPAL DELEGATE FROM GUINEA SEEMED TO HAVE A PER-
HAPS PERSONAL VIEWPOINT SOMEWHAT MORE RADICAL THAN THE OTHERS AND
SEEMED TO BE DELIBERATELY RESTRAINING HIMSELF. GUYANA DID NOT SERVE
AS A PARTICULARLY RADICAL ELEMENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

7. GUYANA DID, HOWEVER, ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE A MANDATORY CLAUSE
IN THE DECLARATION REQUIRING SUPPORT OF IBA MEMBERS IN DISPUTES
WITH THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE IBA WOULD NOT ACCEPT
THIS, AND ADOPTED A QUOTE NON-MANDATORY RECOMMENDATION UNQUOTE
THAT MEMBER NATIONS SUPPORT OTHER MEMBERS IN SUCH DISPUTES.

8. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT TAX FORMULA TO BE ADOPTED BY IBA WILL
FOLLOW CLOSELY ON THE JAMAICAN PRECEDENT WITH DUE ALLOWANCES BEING
MADE FOR DIFFERENTIALS IN QUALITY OF ORE AND TRANSPORT COSTS.

9. THE RELUCTANCE TO SEAT THE GREEK DELEGATION AS OBSERVERS WAS
BASED PURELY ON FACT THAT INITIAL GROUP REPRESENTED BAUXITE COM
PANIES RATHER THAN GREEK GOVT. ONCE A GOVT DELEGATE ARRIVED,
SOURCE ALLEGED GREECE WAS ACCEPTED AS OBSERVER WITHOUT DIFFICULTY,
THOUGH THERE WAS STILL SOME RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT THE COMPANY
REPRESENTATIVES AS PART OF THE OBSERVER DELEGATION.

10. COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED "ALMOST ALL" OF THE IBA AGREEMENTS.
SOURCE SAID THERE WERE A FEW ADDITIONAL QUOTE UNDERSTANDINGS
UNQUOTE, BUT WAS DELIBERATELY VAGUE ON WHETHER THEY WERE IN
FORM OF SIGNED DOCUMENT OR MERELY ORAL AGREEMENTS WRITTEN INTO
MINUTES.

11. COMMENT: STATEMENT (PARA THREE) REGARDING JANUARY OR
FEBRUARY MEETING JIBES WITH PRESS STATEMENTS AND HEARSAY THAT
QUOTE EMERGENCY UNQUOTE MEETING WILL BE HELD AFTER PRICING AND
LEVY COMMITTEES SUBMIT THEIR REPORTS (JAN 31). LIKELIHOOD SEEMS
SLIM TO US TAT COMMON PRICING POLICY CAN BE REACHED OR EVEN PRO-
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POSED BY JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. SOME BAUXITE PRODUCING STATES
WILL NO DOUBT GO FORWARD WITH OWNPLANS TO IMPOSE LEVY ALONG
JAMAICAN LINES BEFORE COMMITTEE REPORTS TO IBA SECRETARIAT.
WE BELIEVE THAT TO EXTENT JAMAICAN-STYLE LEVY IS APPLIED MORE OR
LESS UNIVERSALLY, CHANCES FOR COMMON PRICING POLICY WILL BE

DIMINISHED, AND THAT NATIONS LIKE GUYANA, WHICH HAVE NON-INTE-
GRATED INDUSTRY SELLING AT ARMS LENGTH, WILL BE OUT ON A LIMB.
ALSO, TO EXTENT THAT IBA MEMBERS FOLLOW JAMAICAN EXAMPLE
INDEPENDENTLY, THIS WILL CREATE DE FACTO LEVY POLICY AND COMMITTEE
WILL MERELY BE IN POSITION TO ENDORSE THIS MANIFESTATION.
SOURCE REMARKS CONCERNING GUYANA'S BID TO GET COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT
FROM OTHER MEMBERS (PARA SEVEN) IS FURTHER INDICATION THAT NO

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RPT NOT ALL MEMBERS APPROVE OF WAY IN WHICH GUYANA IS
CONDUCTING ITS TAX/NATIONALIZATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST
REYNOLDS.
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